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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph extending from page ¹⁹~~20~~, line 19 to page ²⁰~~21~~, line 4,
and replace it with the following paragraph:

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The HtrVIII is a positive aerotaxis transducer in *H. salinarum* (Brooun et al., J. Bacteriol., 180:1642-1646 (1998), which is hereby incorporated by reference). A strain deleted for the *htrVIII* gene lacks positive aerotaxis while a strain overproducing the protein shows an enhanced aerotactic response. To investigate the possible role of HemAT-*Hs* and HemAT-*Bs* in aerotaxis, deletion mutants of these genes were constructed (Brooun, Ph.D thesis. University of Hawaii, Hawaii (1997), which is hereby incorporated by reference) for the construction of *hemAT-Hs* deletion strains. Construction of overexpression of *hemAT-Hs* in *H. salinarum*: *NdeI* and *XbaI* restriction sites were used to clone the *hemAT-Hs* gene into the *E. coli-H. salinarum* shuttle vector pKJ427. Top primer with *NdeI* cutting site